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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DeFrees et al.

Application No.: 10/579,620

Filed: April 19, 2007

For: Glycopegylated Granulocyte Colony

Stimulating Factor

Customer No.: 43850

Confirmation Number: 9537

Examiner:

HEARD, Thomas S.

Art Unit:

1654

LETTER TO EXAMINER AND STATEMENT OF

**RELATEDNESS** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In view of *Dayco Products Inc. v. Total Containment Inc.*, 66 USPQ2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003) and *McKesson Information Solutions Inc. v. Bridge Medical Inc.*, 82 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2007) and in satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), Applicants note that the present application is related to the following pending patent applications:

 $12/496,595,\ 10/556,094,\ 10/549,528,\ 10/565,331,\ 10/549,445,\ 10/585,385,\\ 11/843,588,\ 11/981,483,\ 11/982,273,\ 12/184,956,\ 10/581,538,\ 10/586,166,\ 11/794,555,\\ 11/792,610,\ 11/632,005,\ 11/659,942,\ 11/665,908,\ 12/092,563,\ 11/396,215,\ 11/440,839,\\ 11/914,104,\ 11/402,105,\ 11/910,958,\ 11/915,239,\ 11/580,669,\ 12/064,012,\ 12/152,587,\\ 11/781,885,\ 11/781,888,\ 11/781,896,\ 11/781,900,\ 11/781,902,\ 11/866,969,\ 11/934,700,\\ 12/444,380,\ 12/418,530,\ 11/867,553,\ 12/443,428,\ 10/497,284,\ 11/658,218,\ 12/201,705.$ 

The Examiner is encouraged to review the art made of record, any Office Action, and any Notice of Allowance in the above-mentioned related application. Applicants assume that due to the ease of review on PAIR by the Examiner, Applicant need not submit copies of the individual Office Actions and/or Notices of Allowance. Applicants assume that the Examiner is aware that prosecution is ongoing in the above-referenced case, and that the Examiner will continue to evaluate this case as needed.

However, further in view of *Larson Mfg. Co. v. Aluminart Products Ltd.* No. 2008-1096, -1174(Fed. Cir. March 18, 2009), courtesy copies of the Office Actions received by applicants and/or their representatives as of the date of submission of this document in the abovementioned copending applications and other related applications are attached.

Applicant believes that <u>no fee is required</u> for submission of this statement. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0310. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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